

## Section 3.2: Implicit Differentiation; Derivatives of the Inverse Trigonometric Functions

We recall the chain rule for a differentiable composition  $f(g(x))$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

For  $y = f(u)$  and  $u = g(x)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

## Explicit -vs- Implicit

We also defined **implicitly defined functions** as functions that are implied by a relation

$$F(x, y) = C$$

for constant  $C$ .

We can contrast these with **explicitly** defined function given by a defining equation such as

$$y = f(x).$$

# Implicit Differentiation

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given  $x^2 - 3xy + y^2 = y$ .

Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$  of both sides

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 3xy + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx} y$$

product

$$2x - 3 \left( 1 \cdot y + x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Isolate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$2x - 3y - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Move  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  terms to the left, all others to the right

$$-3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x + 3y$$

$$(-3x + 2y - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x + 3y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x + 3y}{-3x + 2y - 1}$$

$ax = b$  to isolate  $x$   
divide by  $a$ .

## Finding a Derivative Using Implicit Differentiation:

- ▶ Take the derivative of both sides of an equation with respect to the independent variable.
- ▶ Use all necessary rules for differentiating powers, products, quotients, trig functions, exponentials, compositions, etc.
- ▶ Remember the chain rule for each term involving the dependent variable (e.g. mult. by  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  as required).
- ▶ Use necessary algebra to isolate the desired derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

## Example

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

*the derivative  
of  $\sin(x+y)$*

$$\sin(x + y) = 2x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x+y) = \frac{d}{dx} 2x \Rightarrow \cos(x+y) \cdot \left( \frac{d}{dx} (x+y) \right) = 2$$

$$\cos(x+y) \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 2$$

$$\cos(x+y) \cdot 1 + \cos(x+y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2$$

$$\cos(x+y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - \cos(x+y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 - \cos(x+y)}{\cos(x+y)}$$

## Example

Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$  at the point  $(3, 3)$ .

We need the slope  $m_{\text{tan}}$ .  $m_{\text{tan}} = \frac{dy}{dx}$  @ the point  $(3, 3)$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + y^3) = \frac{d}{dx}(6xy)$$

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 6 \left( 1 \cdot y + x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 6y + 6x \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 6x \frac{dy}{dx} = 6y - 3x^2$$

$$\cancel{3} (y^2 - 2x) \frac{dy}{dx} = \cancel{3} (2y - x^2)$$

$$(y^2 - 2x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y - x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y - x^2}{y^2 - 2x}$$

at the point (3,3),

$$m_{\text{tan}} = \frac{2(3) - 3^2}{3^2 - 2(3)} = \frac{6-9}{9-6} = \frac{-3}{3} = -1$$



Using point slope form

$$y - 3 = -1(x - 3)$$

$$y - 3 = -x + 3$$

$$y = -x + 6$$

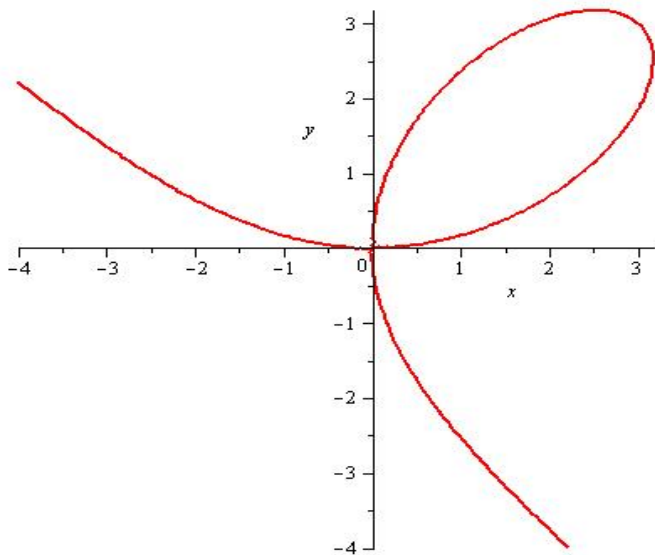


Figure: Folium of Descartes  $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$

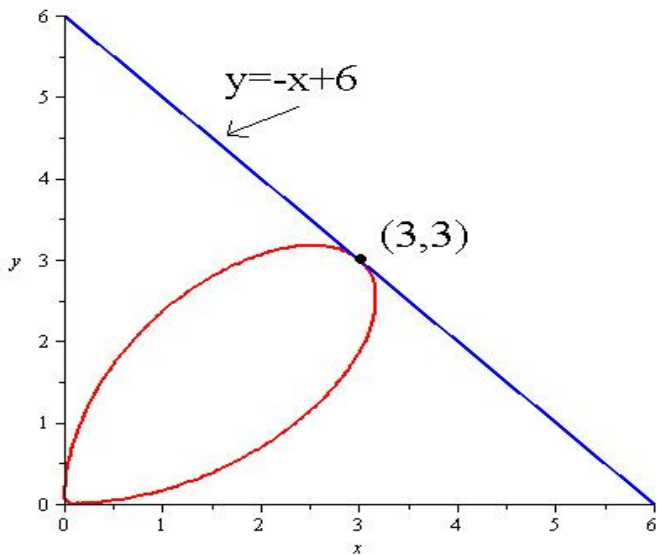


Figure: Folium of Descartes with tangent line at (3, 3)

## The Power Rule: Rational Exponents

Let  $y = x^{p/q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers. This can be written implicitly as

$$y^q = x^p.$$

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

\* Note: ①  $\frac{x^p}{y^q} = 1$  and ②  $\frac{y}{x} = \frac{x^{p/q}}{x} = x^{\frac{p}{q}-1}$

From  $y^q = x^p$

$$\frac{d}{dx} y^q = \frac{d}{dx} x^p$$

$$q y^{q-1} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = p x^{p-1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p x^{p-1}}{q y^{q-1}} = \frac{p}{q} \frac{x^p x^{-1}}{y^q y^{-1}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} \frac{x^p y}{y^q x} = \frac{p}{q} \left( \frac{x^p}{y^q} \right) \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} (1) x^{\frac{p}{q}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} x^{\frac{p}{q}-1}$$

the regular  
power rule!

# The Power Rule: Rational Exponents

**Theorem:** If  $r$  is any rational number, then when  $x^r$  is defined, the function  $y = x^r$  is differentiable and

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^r = r x^{r-1}$$

for all  $x$  such that  $x^{r-1}$  is defined.

e.g.  $\frac{d}{dx} x^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^{8/9} = \frac{8}{9} x^{8/9-1} = \frac{8}{9} x^{-1/9}$$

# Examples

Evaluate

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt[4]{x} = \frac{d}{dx} x^{1/4} = \frac{1}{4} x^{1/4-1} = \frac{1}{4} x^{-3/4}$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dv} \csc(\sqrt{v}) = -\csc(\sqrt{v}) \cot(\sqrt{v}) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{v}}$$

$$= \frac{-\csc(\sqrt{v}) \cot(\sqrt{v})}{2\sqrt{v}}$$

outside

$$\csc(u) \frac{d}{du} \csc u$$

$$= -\csc u \cot u$$

inside

$$u = \sqrt{v} \quad \frac{du}{dv} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{v}}$$

## Question

Find  $f'(x)$  where  $f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x^7}$ .

$$f(x) = x^{7/5}$$

(a)  $f'(x) = \frac{7}{5}x^{2/5}$

(b)  $f'(x) = \frac{5}{7}x^{-2/7}$

(c)  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{5}(x^7)^{-4/5}$

(d)  $f'(x) = \sqrt[5]{7x^6}$



# Inverse Functions

Suppose  $y = f(x)$  and  $x = g(y)$  are inverse functions—i.e.  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = x$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $f$  be differentiable on an open interval containing the number  $x_0$ . If  $f'(x_0) \neq 0$ , then  $g$  is differentiable at  $y_0 = f(x_0)$ . Moreover

$$\frac{d}{dy}g(y_0) = g'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}.$$

Note that this refers to a pair  $(x_0, y_0)$  on the graph of  $f$ —i.e.  $(y_0, x_0)$  on the graph of  $g$ . The slope of the curve of  $f$  at this point is the reciprocal of the slope of the curve of  $g$  at the associated point.

## Example

The function  $f(x) = x^7 + x + 1$  has an inverse function  $g$ . Determine  $g'(3)$ .

we'll use  $g'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}$  where  $f(x_0) = y_0$   
i.e.  $g(y_0) = x_0$

If  $g'(3)$  is  $g'(y_0)$ , we need to find  $f'(x_0)$ .

For this, we need to know what  $x_0$  is.

we'll find  $x_0$  by educated guessing.

$$y_0 = 3, \text{ we need } f(x_0) = 3$$

$$f(x_0) = x_0^7 + x_0 + 1 = 3$$

$$x_0 = 1 \quad f(x) = x^7 + x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 7x^6 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(1) = 7(1)^6 + 1 = 8$$

$$\text{Hence} \quad g'(3) = \frac{1}{f'(1)} = \frac{1}{8}$$

# Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Recall the definitions of the inverse trigonometric functions.

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \iff x = \sin y, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$y = \cos^{-1} x \iff x = \cos y, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq y \leq \pi$$

$$y = \tan^{-1} x \iff x = \tan y, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

## Inverse Trigonometric Functions

There are different conventions used for the ranges of the remaining functions. Sullivan and Miranda use

$$y = \cot^{-1} x \iff x = \cot y, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \pi$$

$$y = \csc^{-1} x \iff x = \csc y, \quad |x| \geq 1, \quad y \in \left(-\pi, -\frac{\pi}{2}\right] \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$y = \sec^{-1} x \iff x = \sec y, \quad |x| \geq 1, \quad y \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

## Derivative of the Inverse Sine

Use implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x$ , and determine the interval over which  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  is differentiable.

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \sin y \quad \text{where} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$  of the relation  $x = \sin y$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} x = \frac{d}{dx} \sin y$$

$$1 = \cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

If  $\cos y \neq 0$ , we can divide. This requires

$$y \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad y \neq -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y}$$

\* Note: it's a reciprocal  
of  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x$

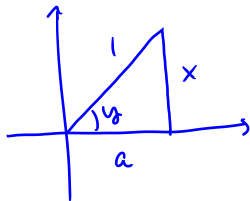
We want to know what  $\frac{1}{\cos y}$  is in terms of  $x$ .

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \quad \text{so} \quad \cos y = \cos(\sin^{-1} x)$$

$\sin^{-1} x$  is the angle in  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  whose

sine is  $x$ .

$$\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = x = \frac{x}{1}$$



By the Pyth. Thm

$$a^2 + x^2 = 1^2$$

$$a^2 = 1 - x^2 \Rightarrow a = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$\cos y = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{a}{1} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1} = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\text{So finally, } \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$



## Examples

Evaluate each derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(e^x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(e^x)^2}} \cdot e^x \\ &= \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{1-e^{2x}}} \end{aligned}$$

outside  
 $\sin^{-1}u$   
inside  $u=e^x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1} x)^3 &= 3(\sin^{-1} x)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= \frac{3(\sin^{-1} x)^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

outside  $u^3$   
inside  $u = \sin^{-1}x$

# Derivative of the Inverse Tangent

**Theorem:** If  $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$ , then  $f$  is differentiable for all real  $x$  and

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}.$$

## Questions

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  where  $y = \tan^{-1} e^x$ .

(a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^{2x}}$

(b)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x}{1 + x^2}$

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \tan^{-1}$

(d)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{2x}}$

## Derivative of the Inverse Secant

**Theorem:** If  $f(x) = \sec^{-1} x$ , then  $f$  is differentiable for all  $|x| > 1$  and

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}.$$

## Examples

Evaluate

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1}(x^2) = \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{(x^2)^2 - 1}} \cdot (2x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 \sqrt{x^4 - 1}}$$
$$= \frac{2}{x \sqrt{x^4 - 1}}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(\sec x) = \frac{1}{1 + (\sec x)^2} \cdot \sec x \tan x = \frac{\sec x \tan x}{1 + \sec^2 x}$$

## The Remaining Inverse Functions

Due to the trigonometric cofunction identities, it can be shown that

$$\cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} x$$

and

$$\csc^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sec^{-1} x$$

## Derivatives of Inverse Trig Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1+x^2},$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}},$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

## Section 3.3: Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions

**Recall:** If  $a > 0$  and  $a \neq 1$ , we denote the **base  $a$  logarithm** of  $x$  by

$$\log_a x$$

This is the inverse function of the (one to one) function  $y = a^x$ . So we can define  $\log_a x$  by the statement

$$y = \log_a x \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x = a^y.$$

Our present goal is to use our knowledge of the derivative of an exponential function, along with the chain rule, to come up with a derivative rule for logarithmic functions.



# Properties of Logarithms

We recall several useful properties of logarithms.

Let  $a, b, x, y$  be positive real numbers with  $a \neq 1$  and  $b \neq 1$ , and let  $r$  be any real number.

▶  $\log_a(xy) = \log_a(x) + \log_a(y)$

▶  $\log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a(x) - \log_a(y)$

▶  $\log_a(x^r) = r \log_a(x)$

▶  $\log_a(x) = \frac{\log_b(x)}{\log_b(a)}$       (*the change of base formula*)

▶  $\log_a(1) = 0$

## Question

(1) In the expression  $\ln(x)$ , what is the base?

(a) 10

(b) 1

(c) **e**

## Question

(2) Which of the following expressions is equivalent to

$$\log_2 \left( x^3 \sqrt{y^2 - 1} \right) = \log_2 \left( x^3 (y^2 - 1)^{1/2} \right)$$

(a)  $\log_2(x^3) - \frac{1}{2} \log_2(y^2 - 1)$

$$= \log_2(x^3) + \log_2(y^2 - 1)^{1/2}$$

(b)  $\frac{3}{2} \log_2(x(y^2 - 1))$

$$= 3 \log_2 x + \frac{1}{2} \log_2(y^2 - 1)$$

(c)  $3 \log_2(x) + \frac{1}{2} \log_2(y^2 - 1)$

(d)  $3 \log_2(x) + \frac{1}{2} \log_2(y^2) - \frac{1}{2} \log_2(1)$

# Properties of Logarithms

Additional properties that are useful.

▶  $f(x) = \log_a(x)$ , has domain  $(0, \infty)$  and range  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

▶ For  $a > 1$ , \*

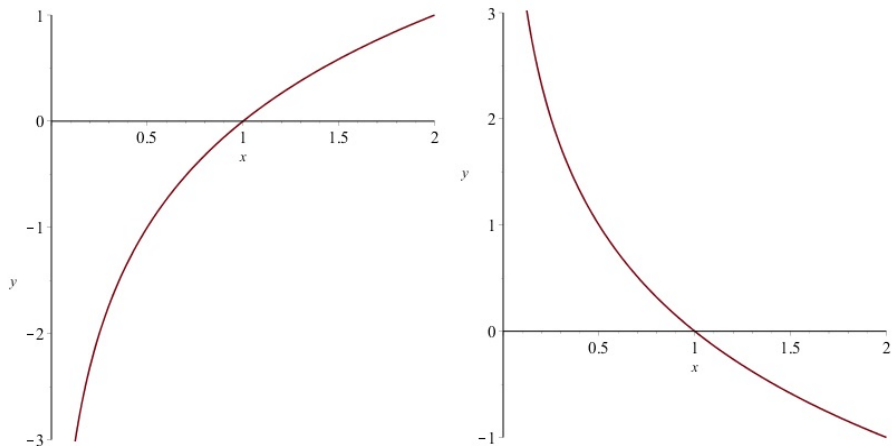
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_a(x) = -\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_a(x) = \infty$$

▶ For  $0 < a < 1$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_a(x) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_a(x) = -\infty$$

In advanced mathematics (and in light of the change of base formula), we usually restrict our attention to the natural log.

## Graphs of Logarithms: Logarithms are continuous on $(0, \infty)$ .



**Figure:** Plots of functions of the type  $f(x) = \log_a(x)$ . The value of  $a > 1$  on the left, and  $0 < a < 1$  on the right.

## Examples

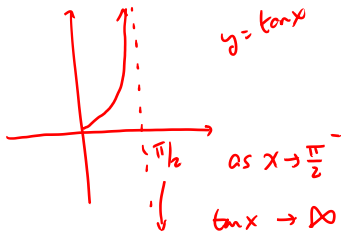
Evaluate each limit.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(\sin(x)) = -\infty$$



Base  $e > 1$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \ln(\tan(x)) = \infty$$



## Question

Evaluate the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

(a)  $-\infty$

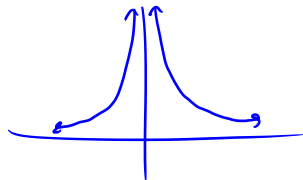
(b) 0

(c)  $\infty$

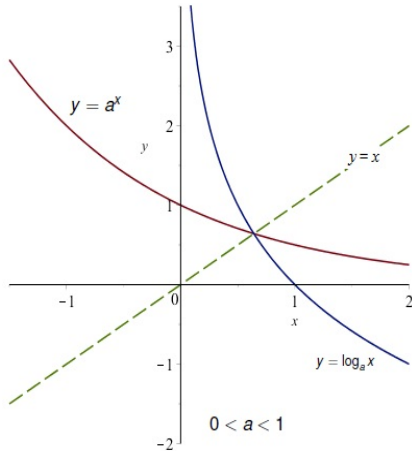
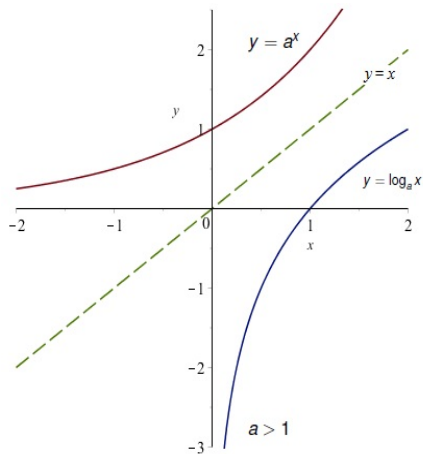
(d) The limit doesn't exist.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

$$\text{as } x \rightarrow \infty, \frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow 0^+$$



# Logarithms are Differentiable on Their Domain



**Figure:** Recall  $f(x) = a^x$  is differentiable on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . The graph of  $\log_a(x)$  is a reflection of the graph of  $a^x$  in the line  $y = x$ . So  $f(x) = \log_a(x)$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ .



# The Derivative of $y = \log_a(x)$

To find a derivative rule for  $y = \log_a(x)$ , we use the chain rule.

Let  $y = \log_a(x)$ , then  $x = a^y$ .

\* Recall

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^x = a^x \ln a$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x = \frac{d}{dx} a^y$$

$$1 = a^y \ln a \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{a^y \ln a} \quad \text{but} \quad a^y = x \quad \text{so}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x \ln a}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$$

Examples: Evaluate each derivative.

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} \log_3(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln 3}$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{d\theta} \log_{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta \ln \frac{1}{2}}$$

## Question

**True** or False The derivative of the natural log

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{d}{dx} \log_e x = \frac{1}{x \cdot \ln e} = \frac{1}{x \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{x}$$

## The function $\ln |x|$

Show that if  $x < 0$ , then  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(-x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

Inside  $u = -x$  so  $\frac{du}{dx} = -1$

outside  $\ln u$ , so  $\frac{d}{du} \ln u = \frac{1}{u}$

so  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(-x) = \frac{1}{-x} \cdot (-1) = \frac{-1}{-x} = \frac{1}{x}$

## The function $\ln |x|$

Recall that  $|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$ . We have the more general derivative rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| = \frac{1}{x}.$$

## Differentiating Functions Involving Logs

We can combine our new rule with our existing derivative rules.

**Chain Rule:** Let  $u$  be a differentiable function. Then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a |u| = \frac{1}{u \ln(a)} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x) \ln(a)}.$$

In particular

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |u| = \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)}.$$

## Examples

Evaluate each derivative.

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \ln |\tan x| = \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \log_2(3t^4 + 2t + 7) = \frac{12t^3 + 2}{(3t^4 + 2t + 7) \ln 2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |f(x)| = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$$

## Example

Determine  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $x \ln y + y \ln x = 10$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x \ln y + y \ln x) = \frac{d}{dx} 10$$

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$$1 \cdot \ln y + x \cdot \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} \ln x + y \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\ln y + \frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} + (\ln x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = 0$$

$$\frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} + (\ln x) \frac{dy}{dx} = -\ln y - \frac{y}{x}$$



we can clear fractions by multiplying by  $xy$

$$xy \left( \frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} + (\ln x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = xy \left( -\ln y - \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy (\ln x) \frac{dy}{dx} = -xy \ln y - y^2$$

$$(x^2 + xy \ln x) \frac{dy}{dx} = -xy \ln y - y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-xy \ln y - y^2}{x^2 + xy \ln x}$$

## Questions

Find  $y'$  if  $y = x(\ln x)^2$ .

(a)  $y' = \frac{2\ln x}{x}$

(b)  $y' = 2\ln x + 2$

(c)  $y' = (\ln x)^2 + 2\ln x$

(d)  $y' = \ln(x^2) + 2$

$$y' = 1 \cdot (\ln x)^2 + x \left( 2(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right)$$
$$= (\ln x)^2 + 2\ln x$$

## Questions

Use implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y^2 \ln x = x + y$ .

(a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x - y^2}{2xy \ln x - x}$

(b)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2y \ln x - 1}$

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 \ln x - 1$

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{2y - x}$

## Using Properties of Logs

Properties of logarithms can be used to simplify expressions characterized by products, quotients and powers.

**Illustrative Example:** Evaluate  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 \cos(2x)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2 + x}} \right)$

we do know  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$

we'll use log properties first, then take derivatives.

$$\ln \left( \frac{x^2 \cos(2x)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2 + x}} \right) = \ln(x^2 \cos(2x)) - \ln \sqrt[3]{x^2 + x}$$

$$= \ln x^2 + \ln(\cos(2x)) - \ln(x^2+x)^{1/3}$$

$$= 2\ln x + \ln(\cos(2x)) - \frac{1}{3}\ln(x^2+x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln\left(\frac{x^2 \cos(2x)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2+x}}\right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 2\ln x + \ln(\cos(2x)) - \frac{1}{3}\ln(x^2+x) \right)$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{-\sin(2x) \cdot 2}{\cos(2x)} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{2x+1}{x^2+x}$$

$$= \frac{2}{x} - 2 \frac{\sin(2x)}{\cos(2x)} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{2x+1}{x^2+x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 \cos(2x)}{\sqrt[3]{x^2+x}} \right) = \frac{2}{x} - 2 \tan(2x) - \frac{1}{3} \frac{2x+1}{x^2+x}$$

## Question

Use properties of logs to expand completely  $\ln \left( \frac{(x+1)(x+3)^3}{\sqrt{x} \sin x} \right)$ .

(a)  $\ln(x+1) + \ln(x+3)^3 - \ln \sqrt{x} + \ln \sin x$

(b)  $\ln(x+1) + 3 \ln(x+3) - \frac{1}{2} \ln x + \ln \sin x$

(c)  $\ln(x+1) + 3 \ln(x+3) - \frac{1}{2} \ln x - \ln \sin x$

(d)  $\ln(x+1) + \ln(x+3)^3 - \frac{1}{2} \ln x - \ln \sin - \ln x$

# Logarithmic Differentiation

Expressions consisting of complicated powers, products, and quotients may be differentiated by introducing a log.

Evaluate  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x+1}}{\cos^4(3x)} \right)$

There's no log here, but we'll introduce one.

Let  $y = \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x+1}}{\cos^4(3x)}$ . Then  $\ln y = \ln \left( \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x+1}}{\cos^4(3x)} \right)$

Using log properties

$$\ln y = \ln \left( \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x+1}}{\cos^4(3x)} \right) = \ln \left( x^2 (x+1)^{1/2} \right) - \ln (\cos^4(3x))$$



$$= \ln x^2 + \ln(x+1)^{1/2} - \ln(\cos(3x))^4$$

$$= 2\ln x + \frac{1}{2}\ln(x+1) - 4\ln(\cos(3x))$$

we have

$$\ln y = 2\ln x + \frac{1}{2}\ln(x+1) - 4\ln(\cos(3x))$$

we'll take  $\frac{d}{dx}$  of both sides. we'll have to use the fact that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 2 \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x+1) - 4 \ln \cos(3x) \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x+1} - 4 \frac{-\sin(3x) \cdot 3}{\cos(3x)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x+1} + 12 \tan(3x)$$

mult. by  $y$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \left( \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x+1} + 12 \tan(3x) \right)$$

$$\text{sub in } y = \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x+1}}{\cos^4(3x)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x+1}}{\cos^4(3x)} \left( \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x+1} + 12 \tan(3x) \right)$$

# Logarithmic Differentiation

If the differentiable function  $y = f(x)$  consists of complicated products, quotients, and powers:

- (i) Take the logarithm of both sides, i.e.  $\ln(y) = \ln(f(x))$ . Then use properties of logs to express  $\ln(f(x))$  as a sum/difference of simpler terms.
  
- (ii) Take the derivative of each side, and use the fact that
$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(y) = \frac{dy}{y}.$$
  
- (iii) Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  (i.e. multiply through by  $y$ ), and replace  $y$  with  $f(x)$  to express the derivative explicitly as a function of  $x$ .

## When **only** Log. Differentiation can be used:

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = x^{\sin x}$ .

Variable power and variable base!

power function  $x^n$   
variable base, constant power  
exponential function  $e^x$   
constant base, variable power

There is no derivative formula for  $y$ .

The only way to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is to use log. differentiation.

$$\ln y = \ln x^{\sin x} = \sin x \ln x$$

now we have a product!

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x \ln x)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x \ln x + \sin x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \left( \cos x \ln x + \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{\sin x} \left( \cos x \ln x + \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$$

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